

The Age of the Earth.
The new method of ascertaining the age of the earth, which was first proposed in Germany, scientific circles attempt to determine approximately the time at which the fiery liquid earth was for the first time covered itself with a solid crust. This is done by means of the difference of the constant and the shortest diameter of the earth. According to the calculations of Newton and Huygens this would be 1-578, the difference of the constant and the shortest diameter of the earth being 1-578, while, in fact, it amounts to 1-286, which is equivalent to a rotation time of seventeen hours and sixteen minutes. The difference of the constant and the earth's time of rotation. It is, however, probable, for reasons which need not be gone into here, that at the time

proved, although formerly it was strongly doubted. Of all heavenly bodies, it is the moon whom astronomers know best, and have most exactly calculated from her movements.—Now, the coefficients of the secular acceleration of the moon's course, as found on the one hand from the oldest observations of eclipses, on the other from theory, are at variance, and there are differences which ought not to exist in the calculation.

retardation of nearly four hours, and the result is that since the firm eruption of the earth formed itself, more than two thousand millions of years have elapsed!

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THE Lexington (Mo.) Caucasian is responsible for the following:

"When liap meets liap,
Then comes the tug of words.

Miss Sarah Hanson, a sister of the lamented Roger Hanson, and a noted belle of Central Kentucky, was afflicted with a comically serious liap.

Dr. Rufus Taylor; a no less famous beau of the same delectable region, suffered under a precisely similar impediment in his gab. They had never met and were unaware of each other's peculiar failing. Both happening to be at a party in Clark county one evening, Jim Gay, a brother of Mrs. Arding, of this place, determined to have some fun at their expense. He introduced them, and the tongue-tied

After a few sentences, Miss Hanson indignantly exclaimed, "I mutt thay, Dr. Thaylor, it theems etheedingly ungentelemanly in you to mimic my pronunthiahtun tho!" The gallant doctor, aghast, replied: "My dears Mith Hanson, I athure you, on my theacred honor ath a gentleman, I can't thay a thinge word any better to thaye my theol!" "Haw Gaw, haw

had been splitting his waistcoat with laughter, in earshot, stepped up and made peace by explaining the situation; when Miss Hanson, turning to him, smilingly, said: "Thome people thay, Mr. Gray, that I lisp, but I certainly can't perthieve it ecthept when I have to uthe the worthd 'thoft thope,' and I carthly ever need them in 'thothie-ty.'"

A Good Hit.
When Jenny Lind was in this country, she once attended the Bethel Church in Boston, where the well remembered Father Taylor was pastor. The good man, who did not know that she was present, was requested, as he entered the house, to preach on amusements. The church was crowded and the

pulpit stairs were filled. The sermon opposed dancing, card playing and theater going, but approved music. The preacher paid a glowing tribute to the power of song, and to the goodness, modesty and charity of the sweetest of all singers, "now lighted on these shores." Jeney Lind was leaning forward, and clapping her hands with delight, when a tall person arose on the pulpit steps and inquired whether if

NEW YORK Herald, 26th ult., says:

So far we have enjoyed one of the most moderate Summers on record, and, though still in the midst of the stated term, we have reason to be alike cheered and cautioned. The thermometric range in New York, during the months of April, May and June, fell decidedly below that for the corresponding period of the two previous years; and July's mean range will probably be much lower than the normal mean. In health resorts farther

week ending July 12 there were 690 deaths, and the previous week 683 against 1,591 and 1,022 in the respectively corresponding weeks of last year—a most wonderful difference, to be explained in part by sanitary precaution, but chiefly by the remarkable weather which has prevailed."

"Dear Sir—I take my pen in hand to let you know that I am well, but that my dear wife, insured for \$5,000 in your company, is no more; she died to-day. Her policy is No—. I am truly say she was a fond wife and good mother. I have the doctor's certificate in this shape:—

trouble about the policy. She was sick only a short time, but suffered much. Do you give a check in advance, or do I wait sixty days for the money?'

ROBERT E. LEE.—His pure spirit freed from earthly contact, speaks in tones of gentle admonition to us all. 'For as well could you fetter the sweet

"To DUNN," to press for money due.

ones from one Joe Dunn, a famous
ailiff of Lincoln, in England, during
he reign of Henry VII. He was so
ommonly successful in collecting
oney, that when a man refused to
ay, the creditor was asked why he
idn't Dunn him.

AN Irishman put his head into a
awyer's office and asked the inmate,
AN 'what do you sell here?" "Block-

JOSEPH BILLINGS says: "When you strike ile, stop boring; menny a man bored clean thru and let all the ile run out at the bottom."